

State and in preparing the same for publication in such a manner as may best advance the welfare and improvement of the State.

SEC. 17. *Coöperation with counties and municipal corporations.* The board is authorized to coöperate with the counties of the State in any surveys to ascertain the natural resources of the county; and with the governing bodies of cities and towns, with boards of trade and other like civic organizations, in examining and locating water supplies and in advising and recommending plans for other municipal improvements and enterprises. Such coöperation is to be conducted upon such terms as the board may direct.

Coöperation with counties and municipal corporations.

SEC. 18. *Coöperation with agencies of the Federal government.* The board is authorized to arrange for and accept such aid and coöperation from the several United States Government bureaus and other sources as may assist in completing topographic surveys and in carrying out the other objects of the department, and to continue any arrangement which may have been heretofore made with such Federal agencies by the Geological and Economic Survey and by the Geological Board.

Coöperation with agencies of the Federal government.

The board is further authorized and directed to coöperate with the Federal power commission in carrying out the rules and regulations promulgated by that commission; and to act in behalf of the State in carrying out any regulations that may be passed relating to water-powers in this State other than those related to making and regulating rates.

SEC. 19. *Geological board and State Geologist abolished.* The geological board provided for in section six thousand one hundred and eighteen, and the office of State Geologist as provided for in section six thousand one hundred and seventeen, of Consolidated Statutes, chapter one hundred and one, entitled "Geological Survey and Forests," are hereby abolished: *Provided, however,* that the Geological Board and State Geologist shall perform the duties of such positions until the Board of Conservation and Development provided for in this act qualifies.

Geological board and State Geologist abolished.

SEC. 20. *Transfer of property.* Upon the organization of the department by the appointment and qualification of the board and director, all the property of the State in the hands of the Geological Board and of the State Geologist shall be transferred to this department; and all valid contracts of the Geological Board and State Geologist, made in the discharge of their official duties, and still outstanding and unexecuted, shall be binding upon this department.

Transfer of property.

SEC. 21. *Appropriations.* All appropriations heretofore made for the use of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey and which may be made at this meeting of the General Assembly shall be and are hereby transferred to the account and

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